December 7-11, 2015 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard WMA	42,414 Duck 187 Canada 2,500 WF Goose	86% mallard, 7% gadwall, 4% g-w teal and the remainder made up of ring-neck, wigeon, shoveler, wood duck, black duck and ruddy	All waterfowl are utilizing abundant moist soil plants in all hunt units and refuge areas. Temps have been steadily increasing throughout the week, in the upper 60's. A rain front is predicted for the weekend.
Barren River Lake	585 Ducks 10 Canada geese	70% Divers- 25% Bufflehead, 50% scaup, 25% ringnecks Dabblers 30% 80% mallards, 20% gadwalls	Dry, unseasonably warm, Peters Creek MSU 75%, Long Creek MSUs 50-100%
Birdsville Island	No count		
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes	No Count		
Duck Island	No Count		
Boatwright WMA	6800 Ducks 175 Canada Goose 30 WF Goose	Almost completely Mallardalso present 100 gw teal, 35 gadwall, 10 wood ducks, and 2 black ducks	The swan unit has been closed due to river flooding since Wednesday. River water is receding off of the Swan refuge unit.
Doug Travis WMA	1,150 ducks	85% mallards, 10% wood ducks, 5% mixed dabblers	area is 100% flooded from recent Miss. river flooding, all field blinds and walk-in areas are full of water, area is still draining excess from fields and sloughs, no wells on
Cave Run Lake	120 Ducks 150 Canada Geese	50% mallards, 10% goldeneye, 10% gadwall. 30% Mergansers	Still few birds around at this point. Most geese feeding off the lake
Clear Creek WMA	No Count		Good water, some good moist soil. Should provide good opening

			day prospects.
Peabody WMA	851 ducks	75% mallard, 20% gadwall, 5%	Most waterfowl
	294 Canada	shovelers, teal and ring-necks	impoundments are
	Geese		full. The backwater
			along the Green and
			Pond rivers is starting to
			recede
Sloughs WMA	11,230 ducks 128 Canada geese 17,500 W-F geese 10,500 Snow geese	85% mallards, 15% gadwall, green-winged teal, wigeon, shovelers, pintails, and ringnecks.	Nearly all ducks observed were concentrated either in cypress sloughs, buck-brush marsh, or emergent wetlands along the Pond Creek wetland complex, or in managed moist-soil impoundments. The majority of white- fronted geese and snow geese were seen moving from loafing areas along the main channel of Pond Creek to winter-wheat field planted throughout
			the Sauerheber refuge
Yellowbank WMA	No Count		
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	No Count		•
Herrington Lake	0 Ducks		No birds present
	0 Geese		
Taylorsville Lake	No Count		
Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA	No Count		
Green River WMA	No Count		